
Introduced by Senator Hertzberg

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Sections 42240, 42241, 42243, 42244, and 42245 of, and to repeal Section 42244.5 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 742, as introduced, Hertzberg. Solid waste.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to some of its provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 42240 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 42240. The Department of General Services and the ~~board~~
- 4 *Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery*, in consultation
- 5 with other affected state agencies, shall maintain specifications
- 6 for the purchase of compost by the State of California. The
- 7 specifications shall designate the state minimum operating
- 8 standards and product quality standards. The specifications shall
- 9 be designed to maximize the use of compost without jeopardizing
- 10 the safety and health of the citizens of the state or the environment.

SEC. 2. Section 42241 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

~~42241. On or after January 1, 1991, the~~ *The* Department of Transportation shall use compost in place of, or to supplement, petroleum-based commercial fertilizers in the state's highway landscape maintenance program.

SEC. 3. Section 42243 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

~~42243. On or after January 1, 1993, the~~ *The* Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of General Services shall initiate programs to restore public lands that use compost, ~~co-compost,~~ *cocompost*, rice straw, and chemically fixed sewage sludge and shall use those products or materials wherever possible.

SEC. 4. Section 42244 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

~~42244. The board~~ *department* shall evaluate compost, cocompost, and chemically fixed sewage sludge for use as solid waste landfill cover materials or for use as extenders for currently used cover material. Compost, cocompost, and chemically fixed sewage sludge products, when used as a substitute for or mixed with currently approved cover material, shall possess all the physical characteristics required in the definition of a cover material.

SEC. 5. Section 42244.5 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

~~42244.5. On or before January 1, 1994, the board shall evaluate rice straw for use as a solid waste landfill cover material or for use as an extender for currently used cover material. Rice straw or rice straw materials, when used as a substitute for or mixed with currently approved cover material, shall possess all the physical characteristics required in the definition of a cover material. The results of the evaluation shall be included in the report required pursuant to Section 40507.~~

SEC. 6. Section 42245 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

~~42245. On or after January 1, 1992, based~~ *Based* on the results of the evaluation conducted in accordance with Section 42244, the ~~board~~ *department* may, on a case-by-case basis, approve the use of compost, ~~co-compost,~~ *cocompost*, and chemically fixed sewage

- 1 sludge, that meet the performance standards for cover material,
- 2 for up to 25 percent of landfill cover materials or landfill cover
- 3 extenders.

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